1 RENE L. VALLADARES Federal Public Defender State Bar No. 11479 HEIDI A. OJEDA 411 E. Bonneville Avenue, Ste. 250 3 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 (702) 388-6577/Tel 4 (702)388-6261/Fax 5 Attorney for Gorje Jesus Lopez 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 DISTRICT OF NEVADA 10 11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Case No.: 2:14-mj-576-PAL 12 Plaintiff, **UNOPPOSED MOTION TO QUASH** WARRANT AND SET FOR STATUS 13 CONFERENCE VS. 14 GORJE JESUS LOPEZ, 15 Defendant. 16 COMES now the defendant, Gorje Jesus Lopez, by and through counsel, Heidi A. Ojeda, 17 counsel for Gorje Jesus Lopez, and moves this court to quash the bench warrant issued on 18 December 16, 2014, and schedule a status conference, no sooner than sixty (60)days. 19 This unopposed motion is filed for the following reasons: 20 1. On December 16, 2014 the Court held a status check in the above case. Mr. Lopez 2.1 was not present and undersigned counsel informed the Court that Mr. Lopez had not been returning 22 the phone calls or letter that were sent to him. The Court thereafter issued a bench warrant for failure 23 to appear and failure to comply. 24 2. On January 5, 2015, Mr. Lopez contacted the Court to get a status on his case. The 25 Court indicated that a warrant may have issued, but he needed to contact his attorney. Mr. Lopez 26 called the Federal Public Defender's Office that same day. Through our communication with Mr. 27 /// 28

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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Plaintiff,

VS.

GORJE JESUS LOPEZ,

Defendant.

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FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER

FINDINGS OF FACT

Based on the pending unopposed motion of counsel, and good cause appearing therefore, the Court finds that:

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- 2. On January 5, 2015, Mr. Lopez contacted the Court to get a status on his case. The Court indicated that a warrant may have issued, but he needed to contact his attorney. Mr. Lopez called the Federal Public Defender's Office that same day. Through our communication with Mr. Lopez, it was learned that undersigned had an incorrect phone number and physical address for Mr. Lopez. That information has since been corrected.
- 3. Based on the above, Mr. Lopez respectfully requests that the bench warrant be quashed and this matter be set at the Court's next status check date. Mr. Lopez's remaining requirements are payment of \$510.00, 40 hours of community service, and DUI and Victim Impact Panel Course, which he indicates he will act promptly to complete. Additionally, Mr. Lopez has the additional incentive to complete these requirements timely as he was given the opportunity to reduce his charge to reckless driving if he completes everything within six months of his sentencing date.
- 4. Undersigned has spoken with Special AUSA Nadia Ahmed concerning this matter, and the Government has no opposition to the Court quashing the bench warrant given Mr. Lopez's efforts to promptly reach out to the undersigned upon learning of the existence of the bench warrant.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW The Defendant has demonstrated good faith efforts in contacting the Court when he did not hear from the Federal Public Defender's office and thereafter promptly contacting the undersigned to resolve the outstanding warrant. Therefore, the interest of justice is best served by quashing the previously issued warrant and permitting the defendant adequate time to complete his court ordered obligations. **ORDER** IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the bench warrant for arrest issued for defendant Gorje Jesus Lopez is hereby quashed and this matter rescheduled for Status Conference hearing on January 20, 2015 at the hour of 1:30 p.m. DATED this 7th day of January, 2015.